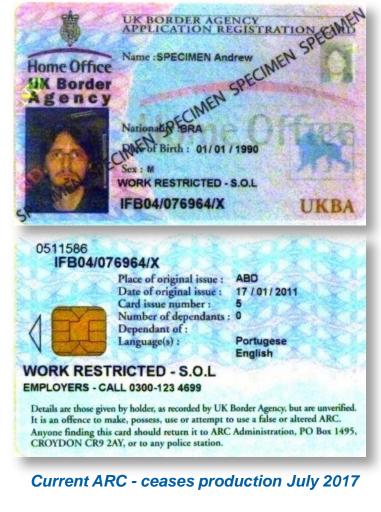
Introducing the new Application Registration Card (ARC)

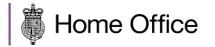
Acknowledges the applicant has claimed asylum in the UK



What is an ARC?

- An Application Registration Card (ARC) is the physical, claimed identity card given to asylum applicants to acknowledge their asylum claim
- Issuing the ARC is mandated by EU and domestic regulation
- The ARC stores a facial image on the chip
- The ARC is also used by external bodies including the Police and the NHS to verify identity details held by the Home Office
- The Home Office is committed to improving the way in which immigration services are delivered, and the current ARC is therefore being replaced





The new ARC

- The current ARC is produced from a limited number of Home Office locations using unreliable equipment, making the process time consuming and inefficient
- The new ARC will be produced centrally by our commercial partner, DVLA, and securely posted directly to applicants
- It will closely resemble the Biometric Residence Permit which is issued to non-EU citizens and will contain the details of the applicant as recorded on Home Office systems
- It is not a travel document and cannot function as one
- The new ARC has 47 additional security features and will therefore result in a reduction in the number of fraudulent cards in circulation
- The new card includes an expiry date and can be cancelled
- The biometric image stored on the card will be captured to International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) standards



Features of the new ARC (front)



Features of the new ARC (back)

The remarks will indicate age status, either: AGE DISPUTED or (BLANK) RCGBRZU30861131<<<<<<<<>

The card clearly indicates that it is NOT A TRAVEL DOCUMENT

Launching the new ARC

- The new ARC will start to be produced from late June 2017 and will have rolled out to all UK Visa & Immigration, Immigration Enforcement and Border Force locations by the end of July
- The current version of the ARC will stop being issued from July 2017, but cards will continue to be valid until 2019



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